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1. GERMAN GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES WITH WHOM DRAFT CONVENTION WAS DISCUSSED NOV 16 WERE CONSIDERABLY TROUBLED BY ITS IMPLICATIONS. FRG REPS NOT ONLY FELT THAT LANGUAGE SUCH AS THAT CONTAINED IN DRAFT ARTICLES 3 AND 5 OF DRAFT CONVENTION (ED-76/CONF.202/4 ANNEX I) NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR EUROPEAN REGION CONVENTION BUT ACCEPTANCE OF THAT LANGUAGE IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA CONVENTION BY TWO EC PARTNER COUNTRIES (ITAL AND FRANCE) MIGHT IN ITSELF POSE DIFFICULTIES FOR FRG AND UNDERMINE PAINSTAKING WORK OF ACHIEVING REAL EQUIVALENCY FOR CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL DEGREES (ARCHITECTURE, MEDICINE, ENGINEERING) NOW BEING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEVELOPED BY EC ITSELF AND BY COUNCIL OF EUROPE.

- 2. ACCORDINGLY, FRG PLANS IMMEDIATE CONSULTATION IN EC ON THIS SUBJECT. WILL ALSO RAISE SUBJECT AT NEXT OPPORTUNITY IN COUNCIL OF EUROPE.
- 3. FRG WILL ALSO PROTEST TO UNESCO SECRETARIAT ITS NON-INCLUSION IN EXPERT WORKING GROUP WHICH IT BELIEVES ACCOUNTS, AT LEAST IN PART, FOR ITS FAILURE TO BE AWARE OF TEXT OF DRAFT CONVENTION OR SECRETARIAT'S INTENTION TO DRAFT EUROPEAN REGION CONVENTION ALONG SIMILAR LINES.

FOR USEC AND STRASBOURG: SINCE SUBJECT NEW TO YOU WE WILL POUCH NECESSARY REFERENCE MATERIALS SOONEST. ARMSTRONG UNQTE. ROBINSON

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